



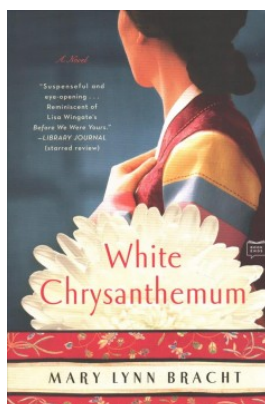
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Readalikes for *The Mermaid from Jeju*

Dundee Library Book Club, August 2022

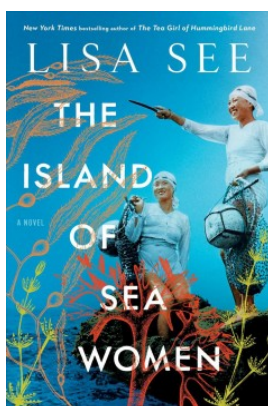
Books at the Dundee Library and/or Randall Oaks Library



White Chrysanthemum

by Mary Lynn Bracht

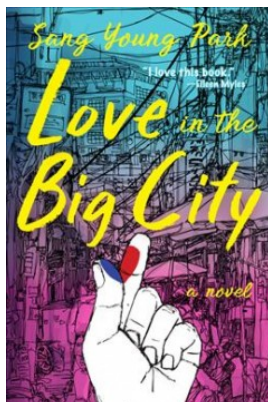
Korea, 1943, under Japanese occupation: As a haenyeo, a female diver of the sea, Hana enjoys an independence that few other Koreans can still claim. Until the day she saves her younger sister from a Japanese soldier and is herself captured and transported to Manchuria. There she is forced to become a 'comfort woman' in a Japanese military brothel. South Korea, 2011: Emi has spent more than sixty years trying to forget the sacrifice her sister made. Seeing the healing of her children and her country, can Emi move beyond the legacy of war to find forgiveness?



The Island of Sea Women

by Lisa See

The ostracized daughter of a Japanese collaborator and the daughter of their Korean village's head female diver share nearly a century of friendship that is tested by their island's torn position between two warring empires.



Love in the Big City

by Sang Young Park

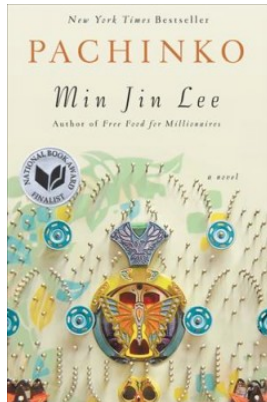
When his female best friend and roommate, Jaehee, leaves him to settle down, Young, a cynical gay man living in the lonely city of Seoul, tries to make sense of his life and his relationships as he finds himself torn between two very different men.



If You Leave Me

by Crystal Hana Kim

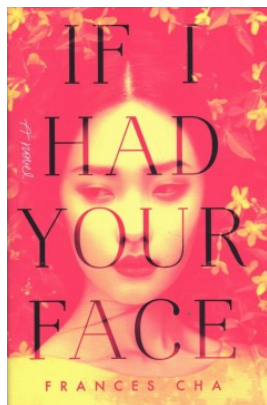
Forced into the life of a refugee when the North Korean army invades her home, 16-year-old Haemi must choose between love and security in ways that resonate throughout generations of her family.



Pachinko

by Min Jin Lee

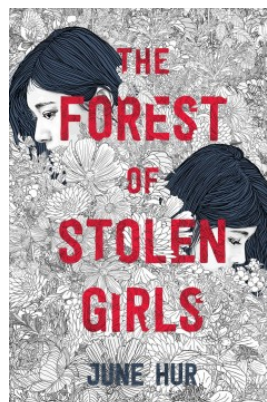
In early 1900s Korea, prized daughter Sunja finds herself pregnant and alone, bringing shame on her family until a young tubercular minister offers to marry her and bring her to Japan, in the saga of one family bound together as their faith and identity are called into question.



If I Had Your Face

by Frances Cha

In Seoul, South Korea, four young women make their way in a world defined by impossibly high standards of beauty, secret salons catering to wealthy men, strict social hierarchies and K-pop fan mania.

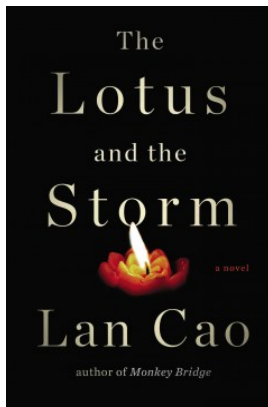


The Forest of Stolen Girls

by June Hur

When her detective father goes missing while investigating the disappearance of 13 young women, including her sister, Hwani returns to their early 15th-century village in Korea to uncover dark community secrets.

Books at other libraries in our consortium



The Lotus and the Storm

by Lan Cao

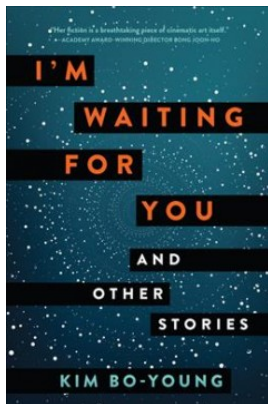
A tale set during the decades following the Vietnam War is told through the experiences of a Vietnamese-American family, including former South Vietnamese soldier Minh and his daughter, Mai, who move to a close-knit immigrant community in Virginia where they confront devastating secrets.



The Magical Language of Others: A Memoir

by EJ Koh

Left behind when work requires her parents to return to Korea, a teen poet reconnects with family history to manage the impact of absent caregivers on her sense of self.



I'm Waiting for You: And Other Stories

by Bo-Young Kim

Four tales of speculative fiction includes the story of an engaged couple trying to fight time and space to get married and a story featuring godlike beings who created Earth and humanity and pass judgement on them.